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More Workshops... More Specialized Training

New fall workshops are among the many changes at the Montana Career Information System. With the advent of CIS for Windows, we will be conducting totally separate training workshops for the new CIS for Windows and our traditional Micro-CIS. Users will have a choice of workshops in 15 communities around Montana.

At this time, many of the workshop host sites are not able to commit to a specific date. Please watch your mail the last week of August for details on dates and times for workshops in your area. Most workshops will be held in September and October. The workshops will be "hands-on" and space is limited. As in the past, there is no charge for this training but you will need to pre-register in early September. You are encouraged to bring more than one participant from your organization, space permitting. The day-long training workshops will go from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at each site. Questions? Please call our User Services Coordinator, Scott Lockwood at 444-0303 or toll free at 1-800-633-0229.

Fall Workshop Sites

Micro-CIS (DOS based) sites		CIS for Windows sites	
Troy	Missoula	Kalispell	Missoula
Florence	Helena	Florence	Helena
Billings	Miles City	Billings	Miles City
Plentywood	Big Timber	Glendive	Saco
Anaconda	Great Falls	Havre	Great Falls
Manhattan	Shelby		

ACSCI Presentation

Jan Clack, SOICC chair, presented Rosalie Walsh, MCIS Advisory Council chair, with a Certificate of Service from the Association of Computer-Based Systems for Career Information (ACSCI) at the March MCIS Advisory Council meeting. The ACSCI Certificate of Service is given to a person or organization that has made a significant contribution within the state in promoting the use of career information with local users.

Rosalie has been a user and supporter of MCIS since the program began. As director of the Carroll College Student Development Center, Rosalie provides career counseling to college students. In addition, her "Career Reassessment" course for adults is the most popular one of Carroll College's continuing education programs.

Rosalie has served as chair of the MCIS Advisory Council since its beginning in 1990. In March 1994 she assisted in the CDTI/NOICC "Career Counseling for Change" teleconference by attending facilitator training at the NCDA conference and then providing facilitator training in-state. Rosalie's dedication to career development and in particular to MCIS make an award such as this long overdue.

Several members of the MCIS Advisory Council were awarded certificates of recognition for their dedication and work on the committee. Certificates were given to Rosalie Walsh, Carroll College, chair; Laura Sundheim, Hardin High School, vice chair; Mike Joyce, Billings Adult Education; and Jim Clark, Great Falls Job Service.

New MCIS Officers

The MCIS Advisory Council has a new chair and vice chair. Laura Sundheim, Hardin High School was elected as the new chair and Ray Haffey, Anaconda High School, as the new vice chair. The tenures of Rosalie Walsh, Jim Clark and Mike Joyce have ended and there are three positions on the committee that need to be filled. If you would like to nominate someone for the committee please contact Anne Wolfinger at 1-800-633-0229. Nominees must be MCIS users.

Scholarship Update

Have you heard of the ALOA scholarship? Or the Charlotte Y. Martin scholarship or CIA Undergraduate scholarship? These are just a few of the scholarships being updated for the fall release of CIS for Windows and Micro-CIS. In fact, the ALOA scholarship is just one of many scholarships being included for the first time. MCIS updates all scholarship information yearly, as well as researching and adding new scholarships, insuring the most accurate information possible to users.

School-to-Work: Understanding Child Labor Laws

It is important to understand child labor laws in implementing School-To-Work transition programs. The April edition of "Centerfocus," a newsletter put out by the National Center for Research in Vocational Education, has a very good article on "Understanding and Applying Child Labor Laws to Today's School-To-Work Transition Programs." The article points out that states' child labor laws may differ from the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) by being either more or less strict. However, the more strict law (between state and federal) is the one that applies. A detailed description of the occupational provisions for ages 14 through 18 are listed and will be a valuable aid in making school-to-work comply with child labor laws.

Copies of this edition of "Centerfocus" are available at no cost from the National Center for Research in Vocational Education. To order a copy call 800-762-4093.

Role of the School Counselor

The April 1995 AVA Guidance Division newsletter ran the following excerpts from the position statement approved by the AVA board.
Students who concentrate studies in occupational areas are more likely to become high performers in the workforce and to continue their education and training after high school. Career counselors assist both students and adults in their career choices, training and retraining. The federal government should provide leadership and support for career development by supporting the following broad goals.

- All students should have access to core academic and occupational skills programs which prepare them to enter the workforce and continue postsecondary education.
- All students should have career counseling assistance to plan and implement their career development choice.
- Collaboration and partnerships should be encouraged between Education, Business and Industry with career counselors facilitating or leading this effort.
- State councils on Vocational Education should be empowered to assist the establishment of skills standards and curriculum development for integrated and applied course work. Career counselors should serve on these councils.
- Career guidance and counseling should be the school based provider of labor market information to ensure informed choice of career majors.
- Career guidance and counseling should be given the time and resources needed to assist students and adults in developing their Individual Career Plans or Portfolio.
- The NOICC-SOICC network should be supported and enhanced to collect and disseminate labor market information in a timely manner. Career and vocational counselors serve as the school based contract in this process. This information also serves as a base for planning or revising vocational-technical programs.
- Teachers, counselors and administrators should be encouraged and assisted by the federal government, as well as private sector corporations and foundations, to continuously upgrade their skills and knowledge of the world of work.
- Tech Prep has proven to be a successful program in the School-to-Work initiative and should continue to receive federal support so it may expand throughout the nation and become an accepted element in all school systems.

Each of the above goals needs the support of the federal resources to encourage all states to develop school systems which implement programs to reach these goals. The ultimate goal is to upgrade all vocational-technical education to provide opportunities for all students to become high performance members of the American workforce.

National Career Conference, July 6-8

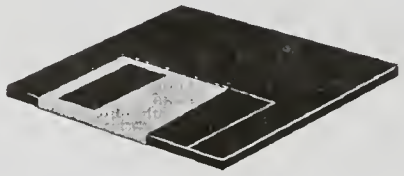
AVA and the National Career Development Association (NCDA) will co-sponsor the fifth National Career Conference, July 6-8, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel on Union Square in San Francisco, California.

The theme is "Career Development in a Global Economy: Golden Gate to the Future." There will be pre-conference workshops on July 8 and 9. These sessions and the general conference will provide opportunities for networking, professional development and determining the direction of NCDA. Conference fees are $199 for members, $299 for nonmembers and $199 for full-time students. A $109 per night hotel room rate is available through Hyatt Reservations at (800) 233-1234. For more information on the conference, contact NCDA at (800) 347-6647.

Software License Renewal

Our software is distributed under an automatic annually renewing license. The license runs from July 1 through June 30 of each year. Due to the changes occurring this year there are several things we need to know before we ship your products.

- CIS for Windows or Micro-CIS or both?
- For Micro-CIS users, how many "Computer User's Handbooks" and " Index to American Colleges"?
- Disk size? Can you use 3.5" diskettes?
- Do you have questions on whether or not your computer(s) will handle CIS for Windows?
- Do you need more Job Search notebooks?
- Do you know we no longer print the "Montana Occupations" or "Montana Programs of Study" publications?
- Invoicing preference? Do you need to be invoiced prior to July 1?



Please call us at 1-800-633-0229 so we can process your orders promptly. If we don't hear from you we will ship based on last year's order.

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